

REMARKS

Applicant has amended the specification in several places to correct certain typographical errors. Attached hereto as Appendix A are copies of the amended paragraphs that specifically illustrate the amendments.

Claims 1-59 are now pending. Applicant has amended claim 1 and added new claims 2-59. Attached hereto as Appendix B is a copy of claim 1 that specifically illustrates the amendments.

Applicant submits that pending claims 1-17 and 21-59 are similar in many respects to claims 1-17 and 18-56, respectively, that have issued in the parent case, Serial No. 09/143,476 (now USP 6,304,598 B1). Applicant encloses a copy of that patent for the Examiner's convenience. Applicant also encloses as an information disclosure statement a PTO Form 1449 that lists the references of record in the parent case.

Applicant encloses a check in the amount of \$936.00 to cover the extra claim fees. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required, or credit overpayment, to the deposit account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, 13-0017.

Applicant believes that claims 1-59 are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner disagree, or have any questions regarding the submission, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner telephone the undersigned at 312-775-8000.

A Notice of Allowability is courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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